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SUBJ: OPPOSITION OPENS CAMPAIGN WITH MUD-SLINGING

1. IN A JULY 3 FNM CAMPAIGN OPENER IN MARSH HARBOUR, ABACO -- HIS CHOSEN CONSTITUENCY -- OPPOSITION LEADER CECIL WALLACE-WHITFIELD LEVELLED WILD CHARGES AT PRIME MINISTER PINDLING, FAILED TO DISCUSS THE REAL ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY (UNEMPLOYMENT, POPULATION CONTROL, CRIME, WATER, ETC.) AND OFFERED NO SPECIFIC FNM ALTERNATIVES TO PLP POLICIES. IT WAS A DEMAGOGIC, RED-BAITING PERFORMANCE THAT DOES NOT AUGER WELL FOR A RESPONSIBLE DISCUSSION OF ISSUES IN UPCOMING GCOB ELECTIONS.

2. WONDERING ALOUD WHY A NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL HAD NOT YET BEEN NAMED TO REPLACE THE INCAPACITATED SIR MILO BUTLER, WALLACE-WHITFIELD SUGGESTED THAT PINDLING MAY BE PREPARING A REPUBLIC IN WHICH HE WOULD BE PRESIDENT-FOR-LIFE. PINDLING, HE ADDED, IS PEDDLING SOCIALISM AND LEADING THE BAHAMAS DOWN SAME ROAD AS JAMAICA.

3. AS FOR THE FNM'S PLATFORM, WALLACE-WHITFIELD
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ATTACKED PROPERTY TAX LEVELS, INCOME TAXES, AND THE

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SPENDING OF DOLS 5.2 MILLION ON DEFENSE FORCE. HE OFFERED
NO ALTERNATIVES, HOWEVER, SAYING ONLY THAT FNM IS
"IN PROCESS OF WORKING OUT DETAILS" OF SYSTEM IT WILL
PROPOSE.
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